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**REDACTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE
INFORMATION OF VICTIMS FROM JUVENILE COURT
RECORDS**

CHAPTER 588

H.B. No. 4003

AN ACT

relating to the redaction of personally identifiable information of victims from juvenile court records.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 58, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 58.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 58.004. REDACTION OF VICTIM'S PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, before disclosing any juvenile court record or file of a child as authorized by this chapter or other law, the custodian of the record or file must redact any personally identifiable information about a victim of the child's delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision who was under 18 years of age on the date the conduct occurred.

(b) This section does not apply to information that is:

- (1) necessary for an agency to provide services to the victim;*
- (2) necessary for law enforcement purposes; or*
- (3) shared within the statewide juvenile information and case management system established under Subchapter E.*

SECTION 2. This Act applies to information and documents relating to juvenile court cases without regard to whether the conduct that is the basis of the case occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**RIGHT TO A DE NOVO HEARING BEFORE THE REFERRING
COURT REGARDING A TEMPORARY ORDER RENDERED BY
AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE IN CERTAIN FAMILY LAW
PROCEEDINGS**

CHAPTER 589

H.B. No. 4086

AN ACT

relating to the right to a de novo hearing before the referring court regarding a temporary order rendered by an associate judge in certain family law proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 201.015(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A party may request a de novo hearing before the referring court by filing with the clerk of the referring court a written request not later than the third working day after the date the party receives notice of:

- (1) the substance of the associate judge's report as provided by Section 201.011; or
- (2) the rendering of the temporary order, if the request concerns a temporary order rendered by an associate judge under Section 201.007(a)(14)(C).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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RIGHTS OF AN OWNER OF GROUNDWATER

CHAPTER 590

H.B. No. 4112

AN ACT

relating to the rights of an owner of groundwater.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 36.002, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The groundwater ownership and rights described by this section[:

[~~(1)~~] entitle the landowner, including a landowner's lessees, heirs, or assigns, to:

(1) drill for and produce the groundwater below the surface of real property, subject to Subsection (d), without causing waste or malicious drainage of other property or negligently causing subsidence; and

(2) have any other right recognized under common law.

(b-1) The groundwater ownership and rights described by this section do [~~not~~ but does] not:

(1) entitle a landowner, including a landowner's lessees, heirs, or assigns, to the right to capture a specific amount of groundwater below the surface of that landowner's land; or [~~and~~]

(2) [~~do not~~] affect the existence of common law defenses or other defenses to liability under the rule of capture.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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